IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

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6. (Cancelled)

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A hand tool for tightening and locking locknuts, the hand tool comprising:

a first member having a proximate end comprising a first handle and a distal end comprising a first jaw;

a second member having a proximate end comprising a second handle and a distal end comprising a second jaw;

a pivot member comprising means for operably connecting said first and second members ~~and~~ disposed between the handles and the jaws so that the jaws pivot with movement of the handles;

said first jaw being more distally disposed than the second jaw;

said first jaw ~~being formed with~~ comprising a first ~~an elongated~~ notch, and said second jaw ~~being formed with~~ comprising a second notch, said first notch

being more elongate than the second notch, said first notch ~~being formed by~~ comprising adjacent surfaces for engaging a first locknut protrusion, and said second notch ~~being formed~~ comprising adjacent surfaces for engaging a second locknut protrusion; wherein with the handles closed on the locknut the jaws pivotably engage the respective protrusions.

11. (Currently Amended) The hand tool of claim 10, said first notch ~~comprising~~ surfaces comprise an edge for engaging ~~the~~ an edge of the first protrusion.

12. (Currently Amended) The hand tool of claim 11, said second notch surfaces comprise ~~comprising~~ a planar edge for engaging ~~the~~ an edge of the second protrusion.

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) The hand tool of claim 10, said first notch extending more distally than said second notch.

23. (New) The hand tool of claim 22, said first notch surfaces comprise adjacent rectilinear surfaces, and said second notch surfaces comprise adjacent angularly disposed surfaces.